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For: SYSTEM OF CONDUCTING PROCEDURE FOR SERVICE CONTRACT OF SERVICE
INSTITUTION AND CONSUMER IN PLACE OF BOTH SERVICE INSTITUTION
AND CONSUMER AND METHOD USING THE SYSTEM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-171896, published
June 6, 1998.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-328288, published
November 30, 1999.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-222581, published
August 21, 1998.

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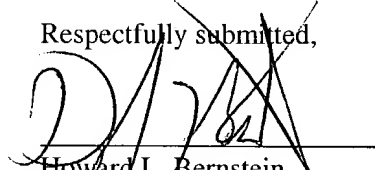
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Claims 1 through 27

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List of Cited Literature

- ### Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

Searched fields IPC 7th Edition G06F17/60
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List of the Material for I.D.S

1. Japanese Patent Laid-open Gazette 171896/1998
2. Japanese Patent Laid-open Gazette 328288/1999
3. Japanese Patent Laid-open Gazette 222581/1998

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1. 特開平10-171896号公報
2. 特開平11-328288号公報
3. 特開平10-222581号公報

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